

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING AND RECORDING IDENTIFYING
INDICIA FOR ARRAYS OF ROD-SHAPED COMMODITIES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 Packs of rod-shaped smokers' products comprise
2 containers of a material which permits monitoring of
3 their contents by a suitable detector serving to
4 generate signals which indicate the presence of charac-
5 teristic indicia on one or more packed smokers' pro-
6 ducts. Such signals are encoded and the encoded
7 information is applied to the respective containers.
8 The information can be decoded and compared with signals
9 furnished by the detector in order to ascertain whether
10 or not the smokers' products are genuine, i.e., made
11 by the manufacurer whose trademark(s) and/or other iden-
12 tifying information appear or appears on the containers.